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*Dear Producers and Data Users:*

*Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.*

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Director

## Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.19 million cattle on feed on May 1, up 4 percent from last year and 5 percent above May 1, 2003. Placements of cattle into feedlots during April totaled 320,000, the same as the last two years. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 380,000 head, down 10 percent from last year and 2003. Other disappearance during April totaled 10,000 head, the same as April 2004 and 2003.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on May 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above May 1, 2004 and 1 percent above May 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.66 million, 4 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.80 million, 5 percent below 2004 and 9 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during April, 7 percent below 2004 but 43 percent above 2003.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005**

State	May 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			April Placements			April Marketings			April Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> <u>2004</u>
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	295	328	111	31	31	100	27	24	89	2	2	100
California	500	500	100	75	64	85	67	59	88	3	5	167
Colorado	940	970	103	150	120	80	170	150	88	10	20	200
Idaho	250	240	96	45	39	87	47	37	79	3	2	67
Iowa	415	455	110	57	55	96	53	53	100	4	2	50
Kansas	2,240	2,260	101	355	375	106	440	425	97	35	30	86
Nebraska	2,100	2,190	104	320	320	100	420	380	90	10	10	100
New Mexico	105	114	109	14	19	136	11	16	145	3	2	67
Oklahoma	310	305	98	51	52	102	68	70	103	3	2	67
So. Dakota	200	200	100	26	27	104	28	31	111	3	1	33
Texas	2,560	2,630	103	415	500	120	480	480	100	15	10	67
Washington	175	147	84	26	19	73	35	30	86	1	1	100
Other States	285	300	105	35	39	111	45	46	102	5	3	60
United States	10,375	10,639	103	1,600	1,660	104	1,891	1,801	95	97	90	93

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, May 20, 2005

## 2005 Wheat Production Up 25 Percent from Last Year

Based on May 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2005 winter wheat crop is forecast at 76.5 million bushels, up 25 percent from last year's crop. Average yield is forecast at 45 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from last year and 5 bushels above the ten-year average.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.7 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. This would be 94 percent of the planted acres, compared to 89 percent last year and the ten-

year average of 93 percent. As of May 1, soil moisture supplies were above a year ago and the 5-year average level with crop development about a week ahead of normal. Disease and insect pressure to date has been light. The May 1 wheat condition was rated 67 percent good to excellent, the highest early May condition since 1999.

## May 1 Hay Stocks Down from Last Year

May 1 hay stocks of 1.38 million tons are down 14 percent from last year but up 58 percent from two years ago.

### Winter Wheat and Hay Stocks: Comparative Data, Nebraska and United States, 2003-2005

Classification		Nebraska			United States		
		2003	2004	2005 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2004	2005 <sup>1</sup>
Winter Wheat							
Harvested for Grain <sup>2</sup>	Percent	95.8	89.2	94.4	81.0	79.5	84.3
For harvest	1,000 Acres	1,820	1,650	1,700	36,753	34,462	35,069
Yield	Bushels	46.0	37.0	45.0	46.7	43.5	45.4
Production	1,000 Bushels	83,720	61,050	76,500	1,716,721	1,499,434	1,590,862
All Hay Farm Stocks	1,000 Tons	870	1,596	1,375	22,013	25,947	27,708

<sup>1</sup> Winter wheat forecasted May 1, 2005. <sup>2</sup> Percent of seeded acreage.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 12, 2005

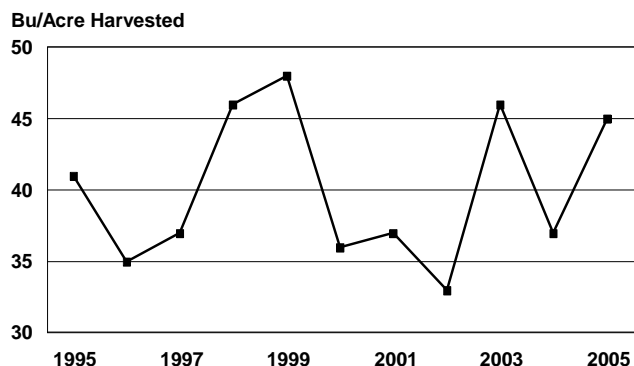
### Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2004-2005

State	Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2004	2005 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2005 <sup>1</sup>	2004	2005 <sup>1</sup>
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Colorado	1,700	2,450	27.0	35.0	45,900	85,750
Kansas	8,500	9,600	37.0	44.0	314,500	422,400
Missouri	930	600	52.0	52.0	48,360	31,200
Montana	1,630	2,050	41.0	41.0	66,830	84,050
Nebraska	1,650	1,700	37.0	45.0	61,050	76,500
Oklahoma	4,700	4,300	35.0	34.0	164,500	146,200
South Dakota	1,250	1,400	45.0	45.0	56,250	63,000
Texas	3,500	3,500	31.0	30.0	108,500	105,000
Washington	1,750	1,850	67.0	68.0	117,250	125,800
United States	34,462	35,069	43.5	45.4	1,499,434	1,590,862

<sup>1</sup> Forecasted May 1, 2005.

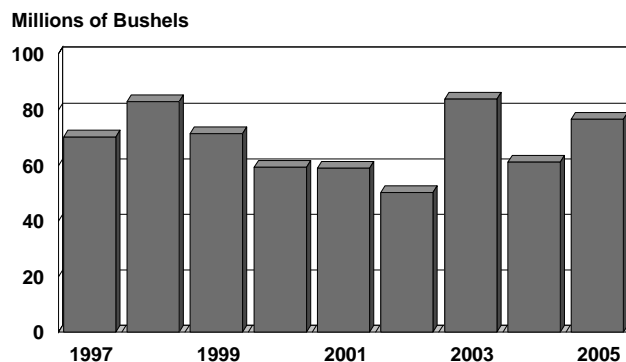
Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, May 12, 2005

### NEBRASKA WHEAT YIELD May 1, 2005 Forecast



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, May 12, 2005

### NEBRASKA WHEAT PRODUCTION May 1, 2005 Forecast



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, May 12, 2005

## U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance <sup>1</sup>				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price	
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total			
					Primary Use <sup>2</sup>	Other					
Million Bushels											\$/Bu.
Corn											
2003/04	10,089	1,087	14	11,190	5,798	2,537	1,897	10,232	958	2.42	
2004/05	11,807	958	10	12,775	6,000	2,760	1,800	10,560	2,215	2.00-2.10	
2005/06 <sup>3</sup>	10,985	2,215	10	13,210	5,850	2,870	1,950	10,670	2,540	1.55-1.95	
Soybeans											
2003/04	2,454	178	6	2,638	1,530	116	880	2,525	112	7.34	
2004/05	3,141	112	5	3,258	1,650	153	1,100	2,903	355	5.65	
2005/06 <sup>3</sup>	2,895	355	3	3,253	1,690	149	1,125	2,964	290	4.70-5.70	
Wheat											
2003/04	2,345	491	63	2,899	907	287	1,159	2,353	546	3.40	
2004/05	2,158	546	70	2,775	890	294	1,050	2,234	541	3.39	
2005/06 <sup>3</sup>	2,185	541	70	2,796	890	278	950	2,118	678	2.55-3.05	
Sorghum											
2003/04	411	43	0	454	180	40	201	421	34	2.39	
2004/05	455	34	0	488	195	52	175	422	66	1.65-1.75	
2005/06 <sup>3</sup>	405	66	0	471	170	53	180	403	68	1.35-1.75	

<sup>1</sup> Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. <sup>2</sup> Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. <sup>3</sup> Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, May 12, 2005

### Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, May 1, 2005<sup>1</sup>

State	Crop of 2004	
	Production	Total Stocks
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>
California	3,876	500
Colorado	23,148	4,600
Idaho	131,970	38,500
Maine	19,220	5,100
Michigan	13,650	1,100
Minnesota	18,920	5,100
Montana	3,551	400
Nebraska	9,288	
New York	5,184	
North Dakota	26,765	7,200
Ohio	1,080	
Oregon	19,775	3,400
Pennsylvania	2,640	
Washington	93,810	15,500
Wisconsin	30,450	3,900
Other States		1,690
<b>Total 15 States</b>	<b>403,327</b>	<b>86,990</b>

<sup>1</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crops. <sup>2</sup> Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, May 16, 2005

### Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, April 2005 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of	
		April 2004	March 2005
Total red meats	906,548	103	97
Beef	326,697	78	88
Pork	563,464	126	104
Poultry	1,145,409	96	105
Turkey	450,427	82	108

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, May 20, 2005



### 2005 Midyear Surveys

Interviewers will begin visiting and telephoning producers May 31. These midyear surveys are the basis for the official USDA statistics on planted area, grain and oilseeds stored, and hog inventories.

Please take a few minutes to respond, if contacted. Your response ensures accurate official USDA statistics. Individual information is kept strictly confidential, by law.

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#### USDA RELEASE DATES

Jun. 24, 2:00 pm CST Quarterly Hogs & Pigs  
Jun. 30, 7:30 am CST Acreage  
Jun. 30, 7:30 am CST Grain Stocks

Survey results will be available on the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/> within minutes after the release.

### Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States , 2004-2005<sup>1</sup>

Month	Milk Cows <sup>2</sup>		Milk per Cow <sup>3</sup>		Milk Production <sup>3</sup>		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
January	8,044	8,083	1,624	1,640	13,061	13,258	102
February	8,051	8,076	1,531	1,519	12,329	12,270	100
March	8,059	8,095	1,661	1,702	13,387	13,779	103
April	8,063	8,107	1,636	1,679	13,194	13,612	103
May	8,064		1,692		13,641		
June	8,083		1,607		12,988		
July	8,096		1,623		13,143		
August	8,102		1,601		12,970		
September	8,104		1,533		12,426		
October	8,103		1,583		12,824		
November	8,102		1,531		12,404		
December	8,097		1,610		13,037		
Annual	8,081		19,232		155,404		

<sup>1</sup> 2005 revised. <sup>2</sup>Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>3</sup>Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, May 17, 2005

### Milk Production and Value: Nebraska and United States, 2003-2004

Year	Number of Milk Cows <sup>2</sup>	Production of Milk and Milkfat <sup>1</sup>					Total Utilized on Farms	Sold to Plants & Dealers		
		Per Milk Cow		Percent of Fat in Milk	Total Production			Sold	Price per 100 lbs.	Receipts from Marketings
		Milk	Milkfat		Milk	Milkfat				
Thousand		Pounds		Percent	Million Pounds			Dollars	1,000 Dollars	
Nebraska										
2003	64	17,641	651	3.69	1,129	41.7	12	1,117	13.00	145,210
2004	61	17,230	636	3.69	1,051	38.8	11	1,040	16.20	168,480
United States										
2003 <sup>3</sup>	9,083	18,760	688	3.67	170,394	6,248.7	1,119	169,276	12.55	21,238,737
2004	9,010	18,957	696	3.67	170,805	6,265.8	1,105	169,699	16.13	27,367,858

<sup>1</sup>Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>2</sup>Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. <sup>3</sup>Revised.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, Disposition and Income 2003 Summary, April 28, 2005

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